

ABSTRACT OF THE INVENTION

A unitary carton has two compartments. A first of the two compartments can be closed and sealed while the other compartment can be temporarily closed. This way a manufacturer can insert a product into the first compartment, then close and seal that compartment and ship the carton to a distributor. The distributor can open the temporarily closed compartment and add a second product selected by a customer. The carton is then shipped to the retailer or consumer with the two products in it. In the described example, the first product is a pillow, and the second product is a cover which can be combined with the pillow to form a pet bed. The pillow is placed in a plastic bag and a vacuum is drawn to reduce the size of the pillow so that it fits snugly in its compartment. The pet bed packaged and assembled in this manner permits the distributor to substantially reduce its inventory space requirements.